

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Jaime McIntosh, Executive Director, Brooks Region Tourism – 6:30 p.m.

McIntosh entered the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

McIntosh provided an operational update regarding Brooks Region Tourism. A Q&A ensued.

McIntosh departed the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

5.2 Molly Douglass, Bassano & District Health Foundation, Chair– 7:00 p.m.

Douglass entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Douglass requested that the fee for the Community Hall be waived on August 9, 2023 to accommodate a welcome event for local physicians and families. A Q&A ensued.

Douglass departed the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Bassano & District Health Foundation – Community Hall Rental Waiver

TOB131/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that council approves the request from the Bassano & District Health Foundaiton dated June 28, 2023 to waive the Community Hall rental fee on August 9, 2023 to accommodate a welcoming “meet and greet” for new physicians and their families. Users are responsible for set-up, takedown, and cleaning the facility after the event.

CARRIED

6.2 BUILD Bassano – Main Street Development Incentive

An open discussion was held regarding main street development incentives.

7. NEW BUSINESS


7.1 2023 Tax Auction Dates

TOB132/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** be it resolved that the 2023 tax recovery and public auction will be held on October 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bassano Town Office (502 – 2nd Avenue), and

be it resolved that the Terms and Conditions of Sale for the 2023 Public Auction are hereby approved as follows:



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1. A parcel of land offered for sale may be redeemed by payment of all arrears, penalties and costs by guaranteed funds at any time until the property is declared sold.
2. Each parcel of land offered for sale will be subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.
3. The lands are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and the municipality makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the state of the parcel nor its suitability for any intended use by the successful bidder.
4. The auctioneer, councillors, the chief administrative officer and the designated officers and employees of the municipality must not bid or buy any parcel of land offered for sale, unless directed by the municipality to do so on behalf of the municipality.
5. The purchaser of the property will be responsible for property taxes for the current year.
6. The purchaser will be required to execute a sale agreement in form and substance provided by the municipality.
7. The successful purchaser must, at the time of sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft payable to the municipality as follows:
 - a. The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - b. If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a nonrefundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale.
8. GST will be collected on all properties subject to GST.
9. The risk of the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
10. The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
11. The purchaser will be responsible for registration of the transfer including registration fees.
12. If no offer is received on a property or if the reserve bid is not met, the property cannot be sold at the public auction.
13. The municipality may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.
14. Once the property is declared sold at public auction, the previous owner has no further right to pay the tax arrears.

And finally, that a reserve bid is set on the following properties:


1. 302 - 3rd Avenue (Plan 3158AB; Block 14; Lot 20) - \$73,900
2. 226 - 2nd Avenue (Plan 3872T; Block 5; Lots 16 & E ½ of 17) - \$220,167
3. 223 - 3rd Street (Plan 3872T; Block 7; Lots 1-2) - \$91,000
4. 509 - 7th Avenue (Plan 4437AD; Block 9; Lots 5-7) - \$101,775
5. 808 - 3rd Avenue (Plan 771 1039; Block 1; Lot 18) - \$197,733

CARRIED


8. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 - 8.6

Written board and committee reports were presented and discussed.



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TOB133/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** to accept the Board and Committee reports as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

CARRIED

9. CAO REPORTS

9.1 Operations Report

A written CAO report was provided for the period ending July 6, 2023.

TOB134/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that administration proceeds with subdivision actions at the Bassano Airport per the Airport Concept Plan prepared by ISL Engineering dated June 23, 2023 with the County of Newell.

CARRIED

TOB135/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that the Town of Bassano requests that the Bassano RCMP Policing Priorities remain unchanged to include a focus on rural crime, traffic/speed enforcement, and community engagement.

CARRIED

TOB136/23 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** that council approves the appointment of Bassano Fire Department leadership team on a three-year term as recommended by the members as follows:

- Fire Chief, Cory Cochrane
- Deputy Fire Chief, Logan Rose
- Captain, Michael Wetzstein
- Captain, Tyler Reimer
- Lieutenant, Derek Gibeau
- Lieutenant, Michael Phillips (promotion)


CARRIED

TOB137/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that council accepts the information regarding the off-leash dog park provided by the volunteer committee. Further actions shall be completed:

1. Approval notices must be signed by property owners not tenants. The volunteers must ensure their 70 percent approval volume is obtained from property owners.
2. Council maintains that as this project processes, it is a two-year pilot project and will be reviewed as needed.
3. As requested by the volunteers in a letter dated July 10, 2023, the Town will provide use of the Bassano Community Hall at no charge for the group to host/facilitate a community information session about the off-leash dog park. The volunteers are responsible for the set-up, takedown, and clean-up after the community information session.



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4. Finally, in response to the request for financial support outlined in the letter dated July 10, 2023, council declined committing any funds for garbage cans or dog waste dispensing stations at this time.

CARRIED

TOB138/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** directing administration to submit an amendment request that re-opens the Bassano Wastewater Treatment Upgrades Project to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to maximize the use of any remaining federal funds that were allocated for the project. Where applicable, the amendment will accommodate the replacement of another section of the trunk main and deteriorated manholes.

CARRIED

TOB139/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** directing administration to send a response letter to the property owner of Plan 771 1039, Block 1, Lot 4 (214 – 8th Street) to address complaints received during a delegation on February 13, 2023 regarding operations at Plan 201 1468, Block 31, Lot 10 (902 – 2nd Avenue) having completed an investigation. The business owner is operating within the Town's bylaws and in accordance with their development permit. No further action will be taken at this time.

CARRIED

9.2 Q2 Financial Summary

A second quarter financial summary for the period ending June 30, 2023 was presented.

9.3 Financial Statements

A financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2023 was presented.

9.4 Cheque Listings

A cheque listing for the month ending May 31, 2023 was presented.

9.5 FCSS Report

An FCSS Director's report for the month ending June 30, 2023 was presented.

9.6 CPO Report


A CPO report for the month ending June 30, 2023 was presented.

9.6 RCMP Report

None



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TOB140/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that the CAO report for the period ending ~~June 6, 2023~~ is approved as amended and discussed as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1** Municipal Affairs is accepting nominations for the 2023 Minister's Award for Municipal and Public Library excellence.
- 10.2** The Bassano Memorial Library provided an updated list of active board members.
- 10.3** Municipal Affairs announced the second cycle of the Municipal Accountability Program review.
- 10.4** Newell Regional Services Corporation provided a public notice regarding water usage for June 2023 following announcements of draught.
- 10.5** Joint Shared Services meeting notes of June 13, 2023 were reviewed.
- 10.6** Minister McIvor provided an introduction as the appointed representative for Alberta Municipal Affairs.
- 10.7** Oldman River Regional Services Commission issued the 2023 Summer Periodical on Temporary Uses.
- 10.8** A publication from Technical Services Canada was reviewed related to internet business solutions.
- 10.9** Newell Housing Foundation minutes of May 3, 2023 were reviewed.
- 10.10** Registration is open for the Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention.

TOB141/23 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** to accept the correspondence and to file the items as information.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED SESSION

None


12. ROUND TABLE

A round table discussion ensued.


13. ADJOURNMENT

TOB142/23 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** for adjournment of the regular council meeting of July 10, 2023 at 8:51p.m.

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